

# VACT to present 'Newsies'

Show features students from 13 high schools

Make sure you're all read up on your hometown newspaper, and then settle in for a show featuring the "newsies" who make it possible.

From April 25-28, the Verona Area Community Theater will present "Newsies," a 1992 Disney movie-turned-Broadway musical. The show will run five times, at 7 p.m. April 25-27 and 2 p.m. April 27-28.

The production will be held at the Verona Area Performing Arts Center, 300 Richard St., and features 68 high schoolers from 13 schools.

General admission is \$17, and senior citizens 65 and older and children are \$12.

The musical features Jack Kelly, played by Jamal Stone of Sun Prairie High School, who leads a band of newsboys who deliver papers in New York City at the start of the 20th century, according to a VACT news release. Kelly's influence over the newsies prompts



Cast members in the Verona Area Community Theater's upcoming production "Newsies" pose on one of the set props. The show will run from April 25-28.

them to go on strike when the publishers raise the price on distribution.

The cast includes Edgewood High School student Corinna Smith as Katherine Plumber, Verona Area High School student Brady Wagner portraying Davey, homeschooled student Matthew Powell as Les, Oregon High

School student Arik Zintel as Crutchie and VAHS student Derek Argall playing media mogul Joseph Pulitzer.

For information, visit [vact.org](http://vact.org).

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## If You Go

**What:** VACT's production of "Newsies"

**When:** 7:30 p.m. April 25-27; 2 p.m. April 27-28

**Where:** Verona Area PAC, 300 Richard St.

**Info:** [vact.org](http://vact.org)

## Event honoring late VAHS grad grows again in its third year

Alliant Energy Center to host 'We Believe' April 27

SCOTT GIRARD  
Unified Newspaper Group

The third-annual event to honor late Verona Area High School graduate Katie Udelhofen will have room for plenty more people than the first two.

This year's "We Believe" spring benefit on Saturday, April 27 - which began in 2017 after Katie's July 2016 death - has moved from The Brink Lounge, where it's been each of the last two years, to Madison's Alliant Energy Center.

Katie's mother Susan, who has led much of the event's planning with her husband John, told the Press that the money raised from the first two years has gone to some tangible research at the University of Wisconsin's

## If You Go

**What:** "We Believe" event honoring Katie Udelhofen

**When:** 5-10 p.m. Saturday, April 27

**Where:** Alliant Energy Center, Madison

**Info:** [webelieveinkatie.com](http://webelieveinkatie.com)

Carbone Cancer Center. Money raised will also help Make-A-Wish kids and the American Family Children's Hospital this year.

Susan met this year with the doctors at the center, and said it helped solidify that the fundraising they've done makes a difference - citing a bone marrow trial currently underway that could have helped her daughter.

"Does it really matter? It does," she said. "I know in my soul there is a Katie out there that is going to be saved

because of this. And I know that my Katie's name is on it."

There will now be a second name on it, as well. Susan said they added Rayce Raschka, who died in June last year at 18 years old, to the event. She has worked with his family to make honoring him a central feature of the event, in addition to Katie.

That event will be from 5-10 p.m., with music from area acts including Sauk Prairie High School's show choir, Verona vocal jazz group The Accidentals and The Red Hot Horn Dawgs. There will also be games, a silent auction and a raffle.

Susan is hopeful attendance can grow with the venue, and they'll be able to make another contribution to the Carbone center this year after giving \$24,000 to the effort last year.

"We are at such a cutting edge of cancer research and cures and our little fundraiser is part of that," Susan said. "It's about celebrating life, it's about being grateful, it's about paying it forward."

For more information or to read Susan's blog, visit [webelieveinkatie.com](http://webelieveinkatie.com).

- Scott Girard

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